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PART VI.

OFFICIAL PAPERS.

Lands overgrown with Lantana or Prickly Pear.

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

READ—

Government Order Camp No. R. 46-50—L. R. 601-16-6, dated 19th October 1912 directing that the concession sanctioned in Government Order No. R. 3298-322—L. R. 508-09-2, dated 18th November 1910, for the grant for cultivation of lands overgrown with lantana be extended to the three districts of Mysore, Hassan and Kadur, and calling for a special report at the end of every official year on the working of the rules in these districts.

2. Letter No. 2447, dated 25th August 1914, from the Revenue Commissioner recommending that the rules referred to may be extended to the Tumkur District.

3. Correspondence ending with letter No. A. C. 1531, dated 12—16th July 1918, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, submitting the special report called for in the Government Order read above, and recommending that the scheme may be tried for a further period of five years in the said three districts as it has not been brought to full working order, and extended to the Shimoga District.

No. R. 3918-41—L. R. 227-14-4, DATED 11TH SEPTEMBER 1918.

Government are pleased to direct that the scheme as to the grant of concessions sanctioned in Government Order No. R. 3298-322—L. R. 508-09-2, dated 18th November 1910, be extended to all the districts in the State and tried for a further period of five years.

2. A special report should be submitted at the end of every official year on the working of these rules in all the districts.

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To—The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
The Compiler, *Mysore Gazette*, for publication in Part VI of the Gazette.
The Chief Engineer of Mysore.
The Conservator of Forests in Mysore.
The Excise Commissioner in Mysore.
The Director of Agriculture in Mysore.
The Chief Commandant, Mysore State Troops.
The Presidents of District Boards and Municipalities.
The Sanitary Commissioner in Mysore.
PRESS TABLE,

Training to Shekdari Candidates.

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

READ—

Government Order No. 4371-4—L. R. 97-08-4, dated 5th January 1909, directing the closing of the Shekdari Training School at Bangalore and approving of the Revenue Commissioner's proposal to recruit the Shekdari service from those that have successfully undergone a course of training in the Mysore Engineering School or Rao Bahadur Arcot Narayanaswami Mudaliar's Technical School at Bangalore.

2. Government Order No. R. 5734-5—Edn. 166-12, dated 29th November 1913, directing the opening of a separate class for Shekdari candidates in the Mysore Engineering School temporarily for one year from July 1913.

3. Subsequent Government Orders extending the period by one year at a time, ending with Government Order No. 10409-10—Edn. 45-16-13, dated 22nd June 1917, sanctioning the continuance of the class up to 1st July 1918, and calling for proposals for training candidates for Shekdari in future.

4. Government Orders ending with Order No. R. 5127-75—L. R. 301-12-6, dated 9th January 1914, directing that qualified Government officials selected for Shekdari training be required to join the Engineering School at Mysore and be given half their salary as a stipend during the period of their training in the school besides being exempted from the payment of school fees.

5. Government Order No. 8561-70—L. R. 353-16-2, dated 14th February 1917, sanctioning the appointment as probationary Shekdars of men who have undergone training but who have not yet passed the Revenue Examination.

6. Letter No. C. 5064, dated 11th August 1917, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, stating that it is desirable to give some training in office routine and executive work to candidates passing out of the Shekdari School before they are put in independent charge of hoblies.

7. Correspondence ending with letter No. C. 1664, dated 4th February 1918, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, submitting a note regarding the training to Shekdari candidates and recommending the opening of a Shekdari School at Bangalore, under the control of the Revenue Department.

No. R. 4010-61—L. R. 227-16-5, DATED 12TH SEPTEMBER 1918.

Since the abolition of the separate Shekdari Training School at Bangalore, candidates for Shekdari are being trained in the Shekdari Class at the Mysore Engineering School and they are also required to pass the Mysore Local Service Revenue Examination before appointment as Shekdars. The existing arrangement is defective in several ways. In the first place, unnecessary prominence is given in the curriculum to Engineering, which forms the least important of the duties of Shekdars, who are essentially Revenue Officers. In the next place, a mere pass in the Revenue Examination affords no guarantee of a real grasp of the intricacies of Revenue Law and procedure. Thirdly, no provision exists for the training of the candidates in statistical methods or office routine. Fourthly and lastly, although Chain Surveying is one of the items in which instruction is now imparted in the Engineering School, it is reported that the knowledge gained is of a very elementary character, and that the Shekdars thus trained are not competent to sub-divide lands accurately. Their incapacity in this respect is one of the most fruitful sources of delay in the disposal of darkhasts.

2. With a view to remove these drawbacks and to improve the efficiency of the Shekdari service, the Revenue Commissioner submits the following proposals:—

(i) A separate school may be established at Bangalore under the control of the Revenue Department, where instruction may be given in the following subjects for a period of twelve months:—

1. Revenue Law and Procedure.
2. Village and other Accounts.
3. Elementary ideas about statistics.
4. Office routine and correspondence.
5. Field Surveying and
6. Elementary Engineering.

(ii) At the end of this period an examination may be held and such of the successful candidates as may have been in service already, and gained sufficient experience of office work, straightaway posted as Shekdars, the others being posted to the several districts as Shekdari Probationers and attached to one Taluk Office or another for six months for necessary practical training in office routine and executive work.

(iii) The school may be opened for candidates fresh from the schools of the State as also for those already in service.

(iv) During the period of training officials may be given their full pay (not being less than Rs. 15 per mensem) and new men, a stipend of Rs. 10 per mensem during the theoretical and Rs. 15 per mensem during the practical course.

(v) Covenants may be taken from all the stipend holders to serve the Government for not less than five years after the completion of their training.

(vi) The strength of the school may be fixed at 40 and the school sanctioned for three years in the first instance.

(vii) The following staff may be entertained:—

	Rs.
(1) Superintendent, (Deputy Amildar's grade), (Revenue Law and Correspondence)	100
(2) Instructor—Accounts and Statistics	75
(3) Allowance to a P. W. subordinate (Elementary Engineering)	30
(4) Mojinidar of the Survey Department (Field Surveying)	30
(5) Clerk	25
(6) Daffedar	10
(7) Three peons on Rs. 9 each	27
Total	297

(viii) Provision may be made for contingencies, etc., as follows:—

	Rs.
Recurring	
Building rent	50 per mensem.
Contingencies	28 per mensem.
Non-recurring.	
Furniture	500

3. Government have carefully considered these proposals and are pleased to sanction them to the extent and subject to the modifications specified below:—

(i) The opening of a separate school at Bangalore, for a space of three sessions in the first instance, is sanctioned from 1st October 1918. The school will be under the control of the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore. The Shekdari class in the Chamrajendra Technical Institute at Mysore will be abolished.

(ii) The strength of the school may be fixed at 50. Both officials and private candidates will be eligible for admission to the school in the proportion roughly of 4 to 1.

(iii) Instruction will be free, and the officials, during the period of their training, will get their full pay but no deputation or other allowance, except travelling allowance, at rates admissible under the Mysore Service Regulations, for journeys to and fro, between Bangalore and the stations where they may be employed.

Time spent in training counts for pension but not for privilege leave or increment. This will, however, not be treated as an interruption involving forfeiture of the privilege leave already earned.

Private candidates must undergo the training at their own cost. They will not be allowed any stipend.

(iv) The proposals of the Revenue Commissioner in regard to the staff to be entertained and contingencies and other charges, are sanctioned in their entirety.

(v) The curricula of studies proposed by the Revenue Commissioner are generally approved. The Revenue Commissioner is requested to settle the detailed time table in consultation with the Chief Engineer and Survey Superintendent. Government would, however, remark that in the case of officials who may have passed the Clerkship Examination or put in five years service, instruction in office routine may be unnecessary, and similarly in the case of candidates who may have passed the Revenue Lower Examination, exemption may be given from attending the course on Revenue Law and Procedure. The period of training in the case of such subordinates may be reduced at the discretion of the Revenue Commissioner to a period not exceeding one year including the period of practical training. The training in survey work should have special reference to effecting sub-division of survey numbers.

(vi) The candidates will be examined in the several subjects as soon as the course in each subject is completed and those that pass the test successfully shall be given certificates which will entitle them to appointments as Shekdars as vacancies occur.

(vii) The period of practical training may be dispensed with or reduced at the discretion of the Revenue Commissioner in the case of such official candidates. The others as well as private candidates will undergo practical training for six months by being attached to taluks as probationary Shekdars. Their pay and prospects will be regulated according to Government Order No. 8561-70—L. R. 353-16-2, dated 14th February 1917.

4. Officials deputed for training will be treated as seconded and their places filled up by the temporary promotion of men in the same office in the lower ranks. The Deputy Commissioners of Districts are requested to exercise careful discrimination in the selection of official candidates, so that needless expenditure to Government caused by the deputation of unsuitable men may be avoided.

5. The cost during the year 1918-19 will be met from the lumpsum provision made in the budget for the re-organization of the Revenue Department, provision being made in succeeding years' budgets under a separate head. The Chief Engineer and Survey Superintendent are requested to depute a duly qualified subordinate in their respective departments to teach elementary engineering and survey work respectively.

6. In addition to the Central School at Bangalore, Government are of opinion that District Schools should be opened at the headquarters of all the districts to train up Shekdars already in service, in survey and sub-division work by giving them at least six weeks' course. The Revenue Commissioner is requested to submit detailed proposals in this behalf in consultation with the Survey Superintendent for the orders of Government within three months.

7. The pay and prospects of Shekdars have recently been improved and unless and until the present unqualified men receive the training prescribed in this order, they should not be given any increase. Further recruitment should be strictly limited to qualified candidates.

8. The Revenue Commissioner is requested to expedite the submission of the report on the question of revising the territorial charges of Shekdars.

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The Inspector-General of Education in Mysore.
The Comptroller, Mysore Government.
The Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.
The other Heads of Departments.
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